Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri are conferred by the President in recognition of exceptional and distinguished service; distinguished service of a high order; and distinguished service, respectively, renedered by an individual in any field, e.g. Art, Literature, Science, Technology, Education, Public Life, Sports and Public Services etc.

Keeping with the high traditions and dignity of the Awards, it would not be in public interest to disclose the manner of selection, the procedure adopted etc., in relation to Padma Series of Awards.

Shri Hemanta Kumar, as reported in a section of the Press, declined the offer of the Government to honour him with 'Padma Shri' this year. It will not be in the public interest to disclose whether any other person had shown his disinclination in accepting the award.

Standing Committee to look after preservation and transplantation of trees in the Union Territory of Delhi

2843. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:
SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Standing Committee has been constituted by the Lt. Governor of the Union Territory of Delhi to look after preservation, transplantation and fresh plantation of trees; if so, when it was constituted;

(b) what is the composition of the Committee and the number of public representatives from various colonies of Delhi nominated as Members in this Committee and the powers delegated and facilities/ amenities provided to them;

(c) what is the number of meetings held by the Committee so far alongwith the date of meetings and how the selection of its members is being done and what is the tenure of their membership in the said committee;

(d) whether Government have issued any guidelines with regard to plantation of trees when a tree is felled; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir, on 21.7.1981.

(b) Statement-I is given. (*See* below.)

(c) Thirty three meetings of the Committee have been held so far. The dates of the meetings are given at Statement-II. (*See* below). The Officers of various organisations/departments are represented in the Committee. As nominations are made by designation, Tenure is not specified.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Statement-I

No public representative of colonies of Delhi has been nominated as member in this committee. No powers are delegated to the committee. No amenities are provided to committee. However, following are the terms of the reference of the committee:—

(i) To advise the L.G. on all matters relating to felling of trees on the request of private individuals or in connection with the projects of Govt. Deptt., Local bodies or any other authority.

(ii) To recommend measures for the transplantation of fresh plantation of trees. Wherever felling of trees become unavoidable in public interest.

(iii) To initiate, supervise and monitor the implementation of the directions given by the L.G. from time to time for the transplantation or fresh plantation of tree in any par of the Union Territory of Delhi.

Statement – II

S. No.	Date on which meeting held
1	2
1 . . .	13-08-81
2 . . .	10-09-81
3 . . .	16-10-81
4 . . .	13-11-81
5 . . .	31-12-81
6 . . .	30-01-82
7 . . .	04-03-82
8 . . .	08-04-82
9 . . .	15-05-82
10 . . .	29-07-82
11 . . .	08-10-82
12 . . .	11-02-83
13 . . .	12-04-83
14 . . .	06-10-83
15 . . .	12-01-84
16 . . .	29-03-84
17 . . .	05-06-84
18 . . .	06-08-84
19 . . .	11-10-84
20 . . .	04-12-84
21 . . .	30-01-85
22 . . .	19-04-85
23 . . .	02-08-85
24 . . .	14-10-85
25 . . .	14-01-86
26 . . .	15-04-86
27 . . .	23-10-86
28 . . .	16-02-87
29 . . .	17-07-87
30 . . .	28-08-87
31 . . .	27-10-87
32 . . .	15-01-88
33 . . .	14-03-88

Closed banks

2844. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the closed banks in the country as on 29th February, 1988 and what was the amount of the public deposited with each of such bank at the time of their closure;

(b) what arrangements Government propose to make to get the money refunded to the depositors who lost their money due to closure of the said banks; and

(c) what protection Government propose to provide to the depositors in future also in respect of loss of money on account of closure of any bank?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and to the extent available and permissible under the statutes governing the public sector banks, will be laid on the Table of the House.